(b) National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad has recommended consumption of only 1-2 gm. of Spirulina of food daily which will provide 2 mgm. of Beta Carotene.

(c) Use of Spirulina as rich source of Vitamin 'A' has not been reported by any country as per information available with Indian Council of Medical Research and this Ministry. The technology for producing Spirulina on large scale is available in India and there is no need to import this technology from outside the country.

Issuance of Employment Notices

859. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the Supreme Court judgement of 21st August, 1990, wherein it has been held that an employment notice that fails to notify the reservation of posts subject-wise and mentions only the total number of reserved posts without indicating the particular posts so reserved subject-wise is bad in law ;

(b) if so, the reasons for which the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and the PGIMER, Chandigarh have been allowed to continue with the illegal practice of issuing employment notices and making arbitrary appointments without showing the specific reserved vacancies subject/speciality-wise ; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to cancel all the recent advertisements for faculty and resident doctors of these two institutions to set things as per the Supreme Court Judgement ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Both AIIMS and PGIMER are autonomous institutions created by Acts of Parliament. The Institutes follow the decision of their respective Governing/ Institute Bodies. AIIMS Institute Body has decided that the reservation would be against the total number of vacancies of Lecturer/Asstt. Professors without reference speciality/department as is followed by PGIMER, Chandigarh. This decision while obviating the persistent difficulty in filling up the reserved posts of Lecturer/Asstt. Professors in certain disciplines also provided for a better overall representation to the SC/ST. The Supreme Court judgement is not strictly applicable to the appointments/reservations made by AIIMS and PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Pesticides Boon or Bane

860. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report entitled "Pesticides : Boon or Bane" published in the Indian Express (Bombay) of 19th February, 1992 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that in 70 per cent cases of the tested samples of bottled milk in Maharashtra, the amount of DDT and Dieldrin was 4.8 to 6.3 ppm and 1.9 to 6.3 ppm respectively when the permissible limit in milk for both is 0.66 ppm ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the average level of Dieldrin residue in the milk sold by vendors in Bombay was found to be as high as 9.6 ppm ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the levels of DDT and BHC residues in butter were on an average of 3.6 and 2.6 ppm respectively whereas tolerance limit is 1.25 ppm ; and

(e) if answers to parts (a), (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, what steps Government have taken in this regard and also to make the people aware of it ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.